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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): **GOWAN (et al.)**
Serial No.: **09/975,099**
Filed: **10/9/2001**

Attorney Docket: **0029-011**
Examiner: **Marks, Christina M.**
Group Art Unit: **3713**

Title: **Ball Tossing Apparatus and Method**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated **May 9, 2003**, please amend the above identified application as follows.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 56 | MINUS | 56 | 0 | \$9 | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3 | MINUS | 3 | 0 | \$42 | \$ 0.00 |

X Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of May 9, 2003 to and through September 9, 2003, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

X one month (\$55) three months (\$465)
 two months (\$205) four months (\$725)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$55.00

X Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is proper.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X A check in the amount of \$ 55.00 is attached.

 Charge \$ to Deposit Account .

 No additional fee is required.

9/9/03

Date

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 9, 2003.

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